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Saturday, January 1, 1916.

Ashes, 1915! We welcome the change.

The new year cannot be worse than the old.

Strange! The auto crank no longer cranks his auto.

Our N.Y.R.: By not making any, we avoid premeditated lies.

Blockheads and pinheads sound different, but they wear the same size hat.

We are feeling extraordinarily well, thank you. In fact, just now, we are sound asleep.

If Representative Buchanan is innocent, as he declares, why does he seek to avoid arrest?

News item: "King of the Coons Islands is dead." Now we guess those benighted folks will go democratic.

The deer season is over; but it only holds true in connection with one sort of deer; the one that's full of E's.

Here we are, paying a high price for unnatural gas, and the natural article is spouting its young life away at White Point.

For the edification of people less sophisticated than ourselves, we may explain that a jayhawk is a tomahawk for jay-walkers.

If, as Governor Ferguson contends, Eastern financiers are eager to "meet the State halfway," why don't we put on a big excursion to St. Louis!

Major Carl Lindhagen, of Stockholm, compares peace delegates to the Vikings. His comparison is apt. He means to convey the idea that they are dead ones.

That the proof of the pudding is in the eating is proved when a neutral American undertakes to get the hester of one of those bigoted English plum affairs.

Some contend that there is getting to be entirely too much pros in proportion to Nueces county's poetry. We don't know. Lately we've entirely given up reading.

It is reported that Mr. Vernon Castle and Mrs. Vernon Castle have agreed to disagree. Mr. Vernon is to take aviation lessons in Flanders. Ah, 'twas ever thus: "Castle's in the air."

Willie Barnes, Jr., is going to appeal his libel suit against Roosevelt. If we had money to spend that way, we'd spend it another. Willie ought to be able to see better; he makes such spectacles of himself.

It pains us greatly to have to tell Secretary Garrison, for whom we entertain the profoundest personal esteem, that he will not be able to create that army of 1,000,000 men in six years. Without Henry Ford and Colonel Bryan, he'll only muster 999,998.

The waste of natural gas is a curse against the entire community. Millions of cubic feet have vanished in thin air, and across Nueces bay that white plume now without interruption. There are probably State laws under which the interests of the people can be protected, and immediate action should be taken. The gas that is going to waste in the neighborhood of White Point is not a product of the White Point section; it comes from afar, and its conservation is a matter that affects every town in this portion of Texas.

Texas has an abundance of iron ore, and they are chiefly used in making iron.

Major Morant, of the Tagblatt, declares that the Allies are weakening; Lord Balfour, in a recent speech, declares that victory for the Allies is imminent. Owing to extreme sentiments of neutrality, we may only state that one of the distinguished gentlemen owes the other an apology.

Enrico Caruso won't sing in Germany. Under the circumstances, he probably reserves German to do his swearing in; and he must have wonderful opportunities to practice. In the daily papers, we imagine he reads what the Germans have done and what the Allies are going to do.

The past year has been one of turmoil and sacrifice, of bitter perplexity within and without the Nation. Throughout the ages, it stands without precedent, hideous in its cruelty, its collective crimes. Millions are fighting at the helms of the few; and they are not aware of the causes which have led them to the shambles. Kingcraft, sudden and corrupt, without pity, only sensible of vast ambition and the pernicious spread of demagogery, is making its final stand. Out of the blood and desolation, a new order of government will emerge, more liberal in its practices, more regardful of the masses, ready to practice tolerance and to seek productive ends. For there is bound to be an awakening, a frantic revision; and, though enduring peace is the dream of idealists, an approximation of peace may be expected. In the end, the people are masters. They have needed teaching, and this war has taught them; and its record is indelible. All sense of romance and glamour has been dissipated from the thought of war; its record stands bared to the world; shattered homes, wrecked factories, forests destroyed by gun fire, millions of mounds of earth, and improvised topographies.

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"What are you thinkin' about?"

"I'm thinkin' the same thing that you are."

"We're startin' agin' are ye?"

Answered Weekly:

**SUSPECT YOUR KIDNEYS.**

Too Many Corpus Christi People Neglect Early Symptoms of Kidney Trouble

"In battle day," remarked Edward H. St. Johnsmuir, "no man's life is safe."

He quotes the English king, and if he did not say it, the statement is not the less true.

War is "rough stuff" and has been since the world began. Nations striving for an advantage disregard Huyte and the Marquis of Queensberry—and do all the harm they can. Consideration for the opposing nation often is forgotten and we are prone to call them "chess-pawns" when performed by us which we term "outrages" when accomplished by the enemy.

All this makes the task which this country—or rather its national administration—has taken upon itself of rescuing the big fight across the water very difficult. Some of the European nations are too stupid to see with eyes open, and this has been the case particularly in the results of our efforts to civilize this subcontinent. It appears hard for the Texans to understand why they should give up the advantages brought to them by their protection of the subcontinent, because of certain rules of the game. Perhaps their blindness is increased by the knowledge that their opponents have broken quite a number of rules themselves and have been "punished" only by protests.

The German, with his intense love of home and family, gets all wrought up on account of the efforts of his enemies to stave his babies. He doesn't seem a great deal of difference between fighting non-combatants with a torpedo and fighting them with a rifle.

Perhaps he reasons that the starved woman and the drowned woman are equally dead. Perhaps he wonders why the other side can "get away" with clearing field of all kinds contraband while his own country gets a diplomatic slap on the wrist every time a submarine sinks a steamer. The war is a bit too real to him for the rule-book to shrug his interest. He sees his country mangled with destruction, his family with starvation and he does not stop to reason that the starving of his family in proceeding quite according to international law as amended by the mistakes of the seas. He wants to hit back, and he becomes puffed up at the constant nagging of the "referees"—Austin Statesman.

**Expanding Business.**

Clearing house statements made in New York on Christmas eve showed that the banks of that city had during the previous week increased their loans \$21,000,000 and decreased their surplus reserve over local requirements by \$12,000,000.

The showing is typical of what has been happening for several weeks, and shows a wonderful expansion in the business of the country.

It indicates that idle bank reserves are being put to work and that prosperity has succeeded depression.

On the other hand, it shows that the business expansion is incapable of indefinite extension. The loan expansion and reserve contraction are proceeding so rapidly that the time will presently come when they will have to stop.

But it is too soon to worry about that. At present all the country needs to do is to congratulate itself on the wonderful recovery it has made over the condition that prevailed a year ago—Dallas Times Herald.

**All Necessary.**

The modified form of conservation which will be submitted to the British parliament next week will probably meet with the approval of the English world. In this scheme all unmarried eligible men would be compelled to en-

## Rippling Rhymes

by Walt Mason

Old Troubles bid, inside a tree, and muttered, "Now did about me, I know that men won't bother me—they won't know where to find me!" But men and women, whores, from Tampa to Toronto, exclaimed, the while they passed the site, "Oh, where has Troubles gone to? When Troubles is no more about we shall the trees undisturbed let us go forth and hunt him out, whatever he is hidden." They got search warrants at the court and hunting-trained with hunting, and every dove and every sparrow sent to the woods were hunting. They left all other business aside—naught else was so important, and through the forest dark and wide, they scrambled, when they'd start. And off the rapture and the glee, when through a glade resounding they found poor Troubles in his tree, and dragged him from his swaying. Triumphantly they homeward went, their fears and cares were over, for they had found the hungriest went; then forth they left in silence.

### TROUBLE

but, voluntarily if they would, but under compulsion if necessary. The measure would give the British government the power to enforce the enactment of unmarried eligible. Whether this action will give England an adequate number of men for military purposes seems doubtful. There were, however, the war more women than men in England. The proportion since then has increased. As a stimulant to marriage in order to escape service, the scheme should be ideal. In time of war the best interests of a nation are served by sending the unmarried men to the front first; but if a war is really worth while, every available man, married or unmarried, equipped and trained for action at the earliest possible moment is not only the most economical but the safest method. Galveston Tribune.

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If your back is lame—if you feel fatigued and worn-out—

If you have bad headaches, backaches and dizzy spells—

If the kidney secretions are abnormal—

Suspect your kidneys and take action to them.

The Texas Kidney Pills, the time-tested home-cured kidney remedy.

They may save you from some serious kidney trouble.

Take use of Mr. Brooks' experience.

J. B. Brooks, 1907 Harrison Ave., Corpus Christi, says: "I had pains through the small of my back so that I could hardly stoop. Every time I attempted to bend my body or lift anything, sharp twinges shot through my back and shoulders. I couldn't do a good day's work. I finally took Doctor Kidney Pills advertised, so I decided to try them and got some at Blahe's Drug Store. I have used two boxes and one has yet given me no trouble and I feel better generally."

Pills 50¢, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy; get Doctor Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Brooks, H. B. Foster, Miller & Co., Progs., Buffalo, N. Y. Advertisement.

**ECHOES OF SCIENCE**

Time flies—and the leader of an orchestra can lead it.

The office never gets left when it has a salary back of it.

A practical joke is one that gets a laugh across the footlights.

A mother's pride of her children never interests other women.

No wonder a typewriter gets rattled when a pretty girl works it.

Some actresses seem to favor long engagements and short marriages.

The man who is too poor to lend money to his friends will never have many enemies.

It is not always advisable to tell all one knows, but it is well to know all that one tells.

A successful man is one who succeeds in making others think as much of him as he does of himself.

As a rule the man with a swelled head suffers less than those who are compelled to associate with him.

Never do anything disagreeable today that you can just as well put off until tomorrow. By that time you may not have occasion to do it.

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Notice of the day of meeting of the Woman's Relief Corps has been changed from the second and fourth Thursday to the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. All visiting members are cordially invited to meet with us at the K. P. Hall, Tuesday 2:30 p.m.

MRS. BESSIE DALE, Pres.

**Proving It.**

Officer to man arrested as a spy.

You say you don't know anything about the war?

Sergeant—Honest. I couldn't know about it if I were a war expert.

Life.

**A Clash.**

Mrs. Crawford—if you're separated from your husband and don't speak, what do you expect to get out of him for Christmas?

Mrs. Goliad—Alimony, Judge.

### OTHER VIEWS

Canada and England.

If this Canadian success in raising a total force of 250,000 men for the Empire they will have sent to this war, in a population of 7,250,000, a force practically as large as that which the United States raised for the Spanish-American War. In this population of about 15,000,000, The Right estimates of the United States forces, naval and military, engaged in any way in that war is 271,000, and there were not more than 40,000 soldiers already engaged at one time. Canada's war will still be European Central Powers has already surpassed in magnitude our little war in 1909. But it is hardly to be supposed that Canada will actually send so many as 250,000 soldiers to Europe. Many thousands of the new likely to be used elsewhere than in the Canadian trenches. It is manifestly and properly the purpose of the British Government to face the negotiations for peace, when they come, with a strength on sea and land which will cause its representations to be respected profoundly. The British Government can do no better for its allies than to accumulate and strengthen and it appears that England's strength is bound to gain relatively with the end of the war, while the strength of every other combatant nation relatively as well as actually. France, Germany, Russia are wasting their forces in all ways. Britain spends enormous sums of money but her naval and army actually increase. She has still under training in Canada a very large army of fresh men, certainly exceeding 1,000,000. If she has by the end of the war a force to send to any part of the world, if she has kept India well in hand, if the South Africans have completed their task of driving the last Germans out of Africa, and have a considerable and victorious army on hand, then the position of the British in the worldwide settlement will be very strong, regardless of any statement that may exist in France and Belgium. We may be sure that Canada's men will therefore play a fairly important part in the final negotiations.—London Tribune.

**WAREHOUSE SYSTEM NEEDED.**

A uniform and effective warehouse system under which the farmer could get the active co-operation of the merchant and banker to hold his custom, making it by degrees of the importance of the movement toward the establishment of more economic methods in the production and handling of the crop. With such a system, the co-operation of the banker and merchant would